

Honoring Crime Victims During Delaware Crime Victims' Rights Week



Dover, Del.- Join the Delaware Victims' Rights Task Force and its participating agencies as we observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW). NCVRW promotes victims' rights and honors crime victims and those who advocate on their behalf. This year's theme is "Honoring Our Past, Creating Hope for the Future." This year's theme encourages commemoration, honor, and respect toward the crime victim advocates, allied professionals, and selfless volunteers who have courageously worked for increased rights for crime victims. The theme also invites us to look toward a future of inclusive, accessible, and innovative resources and services for survivors.

Through a grant made available by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), the Delaware Department of Justice, with support of the Delaware Victims' Rights Task Force, will hold the **Annual Crime Victims' Tribute on Tuesday, April 9, 2019** at

Dover High School in Dover. The keynote speaker will be Emily Hill and music will be provided by The Rainbow Chorale of Delaware. Ms. Hill will be speaking of her past abusive relationship with her ex-boyfriend and father of her child. He is currently serving prison time following an assault against her in 2016. Ms. Hill uses her personal experience to talk about Intimate Partner Violence and to advocate for awareness on the topic, as well as highlighting local resources available to victims. Doors open at 5:30pm for resource tables and light refreshments, with the tribute beginning at 6:30pm.

A Proclamation Signing Ceremony, marking the week of April 7th-13th, 2019 as Delaware Crime Victims' Rights Week, will occur on **Thursday, April 11, 2019 at Governor Carney's office at Legislative Hall in Dover**. Governor John Carney will sign the Proclamation as part of a week honoring victims of crime. During the proclamation signing, awards will be given to outstanding professionals and volunteers for their work with crime victims. Mayra Reyes, Georgetown Police Victim Services Specialist, and Lindsey McAleer, a volunteer advocate for University of Delaware Sexual Offense Support, will be recognized for their work. Capitol Police Department's Domestic Violence Intervention Program will also be recognized.

Concluding Crime Victims' Rights Week, the Victims' Rights Task Force is sponsoring a painting workshop for survivors with Eunice LaFate at the LaFate gallery in Wilmington on Saturday, April 13th. For more information or to register, please contact the task force via the email address below.

For more information about these events please call 1-800-victim-1, email DelVRTF@gmail.com. You may also visit: www.facebook.com/delVRTF and

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